

**Amendments To The Specification:**

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 8 with the following amended paragraph:

By providing the first and second hinge members 21 and 22 as a sub-assembly with the adjustment nut 25 threaded as far as it will go onto the cylindrical shank portion 35 of the second hinge member 22, the threads 36 and 38 are protected during transport and handling. Furthermore, because the locking screw 26 acts directly on the second hinge member 22 [[24]], it tighten tightens its own thread 41 with the internal thread 38 of the second hinge member 22 and also tightens the external thread 36 of the second hinge member with the thread 39 of the adjustment nut 25. [[24.]] In this way, all the components of the adjustment device 24 are firmly clamped.

Please replace the third full paragraph on page 8 with the following amended paragraph:

In the embodiment shown in Figure 4, similar or identical parts carry the same part number as those in Figures 1 through 3 with the addition of 100. The adjustment nut differs in that the there is no friction ring 46 and also that the bore of the spigot 142 has a drive means in the form of a hexagonal shaped socket portion 161 to facilitate rotation of the adjustment nut 125 [[130]]. In this regard, the locking screw 26 is not utilized to bring the adjustment nut to the required position. Rather, a hexagonal shaped driver is inserted into the hexagonal shaped socket portion 161 to rotate the adjustment nut 125 until the gasket 29 engages the upper flange member 55 and a pre-determined torque has been reached. The hexagonal shaped driver is then removed and the locking screw 26 is inserted into the adjustment nut 125 and tightened as detailed above. Other drive means, e.g. splines, could be provided instead of the hexagonal drive means. In this modification, the use of left and right-hand threads is beneficial when there is friction between the locking screw 26 and the adjustment nut 125, [[130,]] which might otherwise induce the adjustment nut to unwind when the locking screw is inserted and tightened. It will be appreciated that the setting of the adjustment nut 125 by the hexagonal shaped driver can be carried out with the tailgate 14 closed.

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 9 with the following amended paragraph:

In another embodiment shown in Figures 5 and 6, similar or identical parts carry the same part number as those in Figures 1 through 3 with the addition of 200. The adjustment nut 225 again differs in that the there is no friction ring 46 and the bore of the spigot 242 again has a drive means in the form of a hexagonal shaped socket portion 261 to facilitate rotation of the adjustment nut 225. [[30.]] There is no hexagon corresponding to the hexagon 40 above the flange 230 since this is not required for assembly purposes and similar techniques can be adopted during service or repair. A grounding strap 262 is provided to ensure a good electrical connection between the hinge portions 221 and 222 and this is secured by serrated drive rivets 263.